

Banff viewpoints

Verbatim Comments

What We Heard Survey:

Marmot Crescent Off-Leash Dog Park

March 2025

Town of Banff

Following the Basic Impact Assessment Determination from Parks Canada and per the direction from council, administration engaged the public in an in-person information session on February 11, 2025, about the proposed dog park in the Marmot Crescent area.

The Town also hosted a five-question online survey from February 2 to February 23, 2025

The summary of feedback is provided separately in a What We Heard Report at BanffViewpoints.ca/MarmotDogPark.

Below are the **Verbatim Comments** from the online survey's **three open-ended** questions on the proposed Marmot Crescent Off-Leash Dog Park. (Question 1 was a multiple-choice about support of a second year-round dog park in Banff and Question 5 was about information requested, both of which are included in the What We Heard Report.)

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Question 2: What do you like about the new dog park location?

- "as ex-dog owner, I do not agree. We have to remember we live in National Park.
- I know a lot of friends who have dogs and I have never once heard out of their mouths that they want more dog parks in Banff."
- Nothing! I absolutely do not support this location. The current one has "many"' dogs in the summer what does that even mean?. All of Banff is packed in the summer. Why is adding more dog parks even a priority?
- Nothing
- There are no benefits to the majority of people in town. Dog owners can already go here and walk their dogs on a leash. This is a ridiculous plan.
- "Nothing. If the location is not close to a residential area it will be great.
- I do not like the new dog park location
- It Offers dog owners on that side of town an option that is close by. and having another dog park in town helps distribute visitation and not overcrowd any park. Hopefully the winter dog park remains open in winters giving residents 3 options.
- I dislike the location as it backs in to my back yard
- Convenient location

- I’m glad its accessible to those without a vehicle.
- We need two dog parks - one on either side of the bridge.
- As Northside residents we see so many dogs in this area but the dog park is just at such a distance that makes it inconvenient.
- Anything is better, love that it is at the opposite side of town
- No crossing the tracks it services the north side of town. It won't have debris in it and stays open year round.
- We reside on the north side, so it's close to home and conveniently located for us being dog owners.
- It’s the other end of Banff so locals and visitors that are at that end do not need to travel to the sundance area, eliminating traffic and too many dogs at one dog park
- Easy access. Important for dog owners to have more options
- Nothing, it will have many negative impacts
- It’s within walking distance of my home.
- Nothing
- It’s great
- It is a terrible idea
- It's in a location between the two other current dog parks. With the park at the industrial area typically closed in the summer I think this offers a great alternative to the rec grounds location for those who live on the North end of town.
- It's nice to not have to drive to the dog park for all of us who live in the north end of town, let's face it the individual dog park is useless half of the year so we need this!!!
- It’s located in a place that I currently walk my dogs daily on the leash.
- Nothing. The wildlife that is forced to transit through this constricted area wont be impressed.
- Closer to that side of town, dog park over the bridge is too far away for residents living at highway side of town.
- It's much closer to where we live. It's good to have one that is more accessible in case there is no time to visit the one at the recreation area.
- I don’t like anything about the new dog park location. I use this area every day walking with my young children and friends. National parks were built for preservation, people and community not dogs! Also, there’s lots of wildlife in this area that I see on a daily basis. Deer and elk frequent this area and sleep there at night. Other animals use it as a corridor to get through the east end of town and across the tracks.
  Domesticated dogs are not a mandate of national parks! Please keep this area natural and available to all PEOPLE that live in this area and Banff. Thank you.
- Nothing. Ruining a great forested area
- It's very nice on convenient for everyone close in town
- Closer to for everyone on this side of the bridge.

- Area seems underused currently and as mentioned I prefer that people be able to walk there rather than drive...which seems silly
- "I DON'T like it at all. It is far too close to residences. Why not locate coming into town where there are no homes? Or remediate the existing one? Dog parks DO NOT BELONG in residential neighborhoods. The minimum distance from residences is supposed to be 100 meters unless there is a solid buffer wall. Is the town planning on installing a solid wall? Or just a chain link fence that does nothing to contain noise and commotion. "
- Nothing
- Yes! It's great for anyone living on the far end of banff
- its close to us live end of banff
- Nothing. Horrible location.
- I don't like it at all. Too close to residential neighbourhoods.
- No necessary
- Convenient for north side residents
- Very close to my location. Many people already walk their dogs in that forest.
- Ease of access - not across the bridge!
- I would rather have a dog park than housing development in that area. There are already many people using the woods to walk their dogs. Better location than across the train tracks, forcing people to decide whether they want to attempt the crossing and get a ticket.
- its location
- Closer access for north side residents.
- Its closer to a lot of people living in that area and will take away traffic from the other dog parks
- I like that it is a natural forested area to provide diversity in environments for dogs to be off leash in Banff.
- I don't like location
- I don't
- Nothing. There was no consideration or direct consultation of the surrounding home owners.
- Nothing. It's a poor choice
- the dog owners that lives on the other end of the town will access it easier
- That it is more convenient for dog owners on the north side of town (though I will still use the dog park on the south side as it is closer to my home).
- Nothing.
- N/A
- Nothing
- The forested area would be a perfect spot for the dogs to run between trees. Easy access from anywhere in town!
- Nothing!!
- I don't like it!
- "Noting It is Residential with very little and no parking
- It's beside my apartment I've lived in for 15 years.
- Not a great location. In the middle of a wildlife area and homes.
- Is excellent but waaay too small
- Nothing

- There should be another dog park for the other end of town yes.
- "Lot more people and dogs will beable to walk to a dog park rather then drive.
- We live on 500 block of Banff ave and often drive our small dogs to the current off leash park. "
- I don't. It's in a highly congested area with limited parking and hotels in the area. It's only the only park located in a neighbourhood.
- easily accessible on foot
- Nothing
- location not ideal, to close to residential homes, no parking, takes away natural area
- It will relieve some pressure at the other dog park.
- Nothing
- Nothing
- It’s a forest. Shouldn’t be used as a dog park. Should be left as a forest.
- I like using the area as it is with the trees and little trails. It provides a pleasant circular route for my senior dog. If it becomes a dog park it will cease to be a tranquil location.
- Absolutely nothing.
- "Respectfully, nothing. It’s not fair to residents who live In the area. (I live in Middle Springs).
- It's on the other side of town which is convenient for residents who don't live across the bridge or downtown.
- I wish we could have a new dog park in Banff, but not on Marmot Crescent, in the compaund would be better idea.
- We don’t need to pay for another dog park!
- Nothing
- It's got more tree cover and offers variety in the terrain for dogs. When it's just grass it can get muddy during spring and fall so the tree cover should help to add consistency in the ground.
- Nothing. It's a terrible location.
- Nothing. Please do not put a dog park here.
- It's not near my house
- It's not a suitable lication. Already serves as a popular place for people to walk their dogs on leash. Plus plenty of wildlife in that forested area.
- I do not like this proposed location.
- I don’t think it’s appropriate.
- It’s on the other side of the bridge so don’t have to worry about traffic jams in summer
- There is absolutely nothing I like about it.
- Nothing!
- It’s way closer to my house & easier to get to rather than having to cross the bridge at busy times of traffic congestion.
- Good area, quiet, easy access
- In the forest where dogs can be in the shade in the summer and play around the trees :)
- It’s in a different location so allows more access by different locals. It’s bigger than the one across the bridge. It’s in a nice area for humans as well.

- Nothing. Completely inappropriate location.
- Nothing
- Sorry - I just can't find anything redeeming about this location. Mostly because of what it is "removing" from the variety and access to multiple uses. Much as I don't love encountering elk, deer, coyotes, bears, 2 cougars and 1 wolf over the years, I love that owls have returned in the last 3 years., It's just a location that should be left in it's natural state and that still offers a nice trail system to blend with roads and sidewalks to walk dogs while allowing for a range of other activities - for all species, ages and stages.
- Absolutely nothing. There is no parking, it is way to close to multiple residences and that forest is home to a vast array of wildlife.
- N/A
- Nothing, it's a terrible location
- There is nothing good about this proposal
- It is a rare jewel to find a calm and tranquil spot to walk your dog, we live on Banff ave and love the spot for walking and unwinding however, we have two small dogs and off leash dog parks are usually such a fight for us in a town full of big dogs, I don't believe I'd like to see this lovely walking trail converted to an off leash park. We love the area and would like to see it preserved.
- Not much to like. Dogs are now seemingly more important than deer, elk, cougars, humans, and I suppose housecats.
- Nothing
- I don't like it.
- Right behind my house
- I don't
- There is nothing good about this location
- It's behind my house, super convenient larger and the idea of trees to run in and out of is awesome/ stimulating for the dogs / helps with the ice in the winter and mud in summer . Sundance gets so icy and wet
- NOTHING. (And this survey question and the survey approach is flawed from the outset. This survery and this question are not properly phrased nor impartial.) We do NOT need another off-leash park in Banff. Any location for another new 2nd off-leash park would be the wrong location. This particular forest is well used by many species including as a spring hunting ground for owls, winter nests for woodpeckers, and a crossing for coyotes and bears. All of that would be lost for no good reason.
- i filled this survey in before but someone pointed out to me that if I say yes it means I am supporting a dog off leash area on Marmot....and I do not support one in this location.
- Having additional outdoor off-leash places for the dogs of Banff is great

(especially as one off-leash area had to be closed re glass debris).

- Nothing whatsoever. Banff already has one beautiful, functional dog park - indeed Banff has one and half dog parks, if we include the ill-considered one located in the industrial compound.
- I do not like this location.
- Could be a good location but takes up too much land use that is used by many non-dog owners. And I own a dog.
- It could be accessible by bus. It is easier to access than the park in the Compound. It is at the other end of Town than the one in the Rec Grounds.
- The wooden area and the accessibility of it for people living on the North side of town.
- Closer to my home than the Sundance Park location. Also that it's in the forest
- I don't like it
- It's close to our residence and away from downtown banff.
- I don't like the location
- Banff urgently needs another dog park. With just one small park located on one side of town, it quickly becomes overcrowded, especially during peak hours. Many dog owners are forced to drive to Canmore Quarry Dog Park for a better off-leash experience. Unfortunately, parking at the Quarry dog park costs $20 during the summer months, which makes it unfeasible for Banff residents. Expanding the number of off-leash areas in Banff would alleviate this issue, offering more convenience and options for residents and their pets, while enhancing the overall quality of life in the community. More off-leash spaces in Banff are a clear necessity.
- It's nice to have a second dog park that is more accessible than the industrial area.
- Its location to residential area. Meaning dogs can enjoy the outdoors more frequently and in a controlled space.
- An area with trees and good location for a large amount of residents.
- "It's located in a densified area of town, surrounded by trees, within walking/biking distance by many, more centrally located than the compound. I'm really happy to see the expanded development of amenities at this end of town (finally).
- Very close to home. Nice big space for my dog to explore
- In town and more accessible for dog owners
- It's more accessible for people living in the East end of town and would complement the current dog park at the rec grounds. Housing in Banff typically does not have much outdoor space and there is a high rate of dog ownership here. Any additional off-leash area is welcome and will be well used.
- Nothing
- Nothing, it's a terrible idea
- Bad location, does not abide by the noise rules in Banff.

- I don’t like it being in a residential area. The current two locations in the industrial compound and at the rec grounds are appropriate and better served for this type of use.
- Walking distance from my house
- I do not like this location
- It's closer than the compound. Id rather see the space used for a park than housing.
- The town should not provide dog parks, especially off leash dog parks.
- Nothing.
- Location at North end of town
- It's on the North side of town not in the industrial area. It's sheltered from wind and sunlight.
- Very convenient location for locals and visiting family members.
- nothing and I have a large dog.
- "Shade for the summer. Location for the locals at this end of town "
- It's beautiful and there's so many dogs in the area.
- Nothing
- "Shaded with all the trees. Beneficial in the hot sunny summers. Closer walking distance than the sundance dog park. Will be a larger area for dogs to run and socialize "
- Nothing!
- Nothing. It is a terrible idea.
- Allowing residents to have a more convenient alternative to the Sundance dog park.
- "I love it! It’s central to the town allowing easier access to walk there for the many dog owners on my street. It is well treed which is optimal for promoting healthy dog interactions, giving them a break in line-of-sight. dog owners need this type of break in line-of-sight to provide proactive behavior corrections without the dogs staring each other down.The large size. Again also promotes healthy behavior for the same reason. Drainage- I noticed less snow on the ground in this area compared to the Recreation DP, and Industrial DP. It has a natural, currently dried up creek bed that runs through it. This make me think there will be better drainage of snow melt/rain runoff and promote a natural waist water management of dog pee without excessive flooding and stagnant water pools in the spring. Seems like a much healthier environment. The area seems well used already. With well beaten trails, if there were debris underground it most likely would have been unearthed by now. It has a long stretch of area with wider path. This type of area is nice to toss a stick and let the dogs chase full speed without risk of running into a tree. Overall It seems this area wouldn’t need much more work to make it a great dog park. And the financial benefits of having less maintenance right from the start is a huge bonus."
- "It is on the North side of the bridge in a shaded area. The size is perfect. Dog owners and probably the dogs themselves, would probably prefer to

enjoy the treed area as it gives a more natural environment to enjoy, apposed to a grass field."

- Nothing, it is a forest frequented by children playing. The paths are great for dogs on leash, biking, and young children playing with neighbourhood friends.
- It is the perfect place I am in the 5th block and I do not need to drive to let my dog play free
- I do not support the proposed location for the dog park. As a resident, I've observed that our area has already experienced a significant increase in vehicle traffic due to the nearby hotels and the Co-op gas bar. During the summer months, vehicles from surrounding hotels often park along the road, making it nearly impossible for two oncoming vehicles to pass each other safely. Adding a dog park to this area would only exacerbate the existing parking and traffic issues.
- actually there are very few possible locations left in this 4 sq km town. It's perfect!
- Area is separated with trees etc so not one large open space - I notice over time some of the older residents can be hurt with dogs running around in open space existing park - also easier to have separate groups of people and dogs - better for socialization of dogs of different types and sizes
- Within walking distance of my house
- Nothing was your dog to the other two dog parks we already have in town.
- Accessibility of location, residential area etc - don't need a car to access.
- More convenient for those who live at the far end of Banff Ave.
- Nothing
- Seems like a great location
- It's much easier to access for those who live on the north side of town and do not have a vehicle. Especially during the winter months when walking to the rec grounds dog park is 30mins when the individual park is closed.
- I do not agree with this location nor the fact that the TOB wants to invest even more money into a dog park after the last few proved to be unsuccessful and public funded dollars were lost to these projects
- Convenient location. Treed area.
- Walkable!
- Neighborhood walks, while beneficial, don't provide the same level of enrichment for pets or their owners as off-leash time does. This location will serve residents on that side of town, offering better options for those who currently have to drive to the Rec Grounds or Canmore for quality off-leash time.
- I have been living in the Elk Valley Estates apartment buildings for five years now. The patch of trees where the dog park might be located is the only place I can go to escape the tourists and still be in nature. I don't have a car, I can't drive to a secluded area in nature. This location is a five minute walk from

my home, there's hardly ever any litter, it's close enough to the town but when you're sitting on the ground leaving your back against a tree you feel like you're in another world. The beauty, proximity, and quiet is what sets this beautiful patch of trees apart from any other place I've been in Banff. Isn't Banff supposed to be a nature forward town? I moved to Banff for the trees. I really hope with all my heart we can find another location for this dog park, I'm not against the idea, just this location is the only place I can "forest bath" in the whole town. If its turned into a dog park there won't be much left of this town to convince me to stay.

- I do not like anything about this location being made into a dog park. It's in the middle of a residential neighborhood. Bad idea!
- It's walkable for the north side of town. The other one is too far for a lot of people to walk to, the closed one is not walkable without crossing the tracks illegally
- I don’t like the dog park location.
- Located in residential area
- easy to walk to, woodsy area
- "This is a tough one, I know what another dog park is deemed necessary, and space is limited. But I spend a decent amount of time walking my cats in that forest. It's quiet, pet owners are very respectful of other pets on leash, and it's a great little trail system for animals as it. If there's a dog park there, I won't be able to take my cats, deer and elk won't be wandering through that space anymore. "
- Nothing!!
- Bad
- Nothing
- It’s a great little forest for everyone
- Nothing. It is a horrible location for a dog park.
- nothing
- I don’t
- I don’t like the location. Wildlife corridor, green space, quiet (non touristed) trails for recreational usage.
- Forest , no debris close to home for people that don’t live across the bridge
- Nothing. It's a popular area used by kids and dog walkers, please don't ruin it
- Nothing-Keep it as is
- I like the idea of using that land for town but would prefer to see housing developments instead of a dog park. But as a dog owner, I do think its a good location if housing is not going to happen.
- Nothing
- I don’t like it. Why do you always frame the questions to get the result you’ve already decided on. That is not a truth seeking survey, only a whitewashing of the issue.
- I do not like the new dog park location.
- Nothing
- It’s a terrible location
- Not at the compound so most people can walk to it!!
- I like that it’s a forested area in town to walk my dog or myself. A safe space for

reactive dogs and on a part of town that is filled with locals and families.
- None
- Don’t like
- Location that's easy to walk to.
- No glass and I can walk to it
- I don't like it, It would be a great loss if this area was used.
- It’s by a very dog friendly area. I feel like a lot of the naysayers don’t live in the area and don’t realize how many dogs live in that area. All of the dog friendly housing is in that area.
- Not a good location.
- Nothing, it is not a good location. The current location is much better with parking and barking out of town limits and neighborhoods.
- I don’t
- Anywhere
- proximity to some potential users
- Great for walks
- An amazing alternative for people on this side of town, where especially in the summer it is very busy and difficult to drive across the bridge to the other side of town. Especially if the industrial park is going to be closed permanently. It is crazy to me that with so many dogs in Banff there is only one park, I find myself going to Canmore to use their parks because the one available now takes so long to get to, and is overcrowded. This is a recipe for disaster and can cause reactivity in dogs.
- The location, this little forest so special to many. It would be sad to see it go it have it fenced
- Easy for all to access without a vehicle and a nice recreation area for the dog owners to enjoy.
- I am not in support of this dog park.
- Please fix the one in the industrial compound.
- Not across the bridge so those who live in this half of town can access it!!!
- Dogs are wonderful
- Nothing!! No no!!
- I think it would be a good innovative ideas however, my only disagreement is that there should be some sort of parking. Even if it’s a small part. People are not walking their dogs to the park in -30°. They will be driving to the location.
- We live in a national park, which should be the number 1 priority for all decisions. The current off-leash park shows us that residents with dogs cannot pick up after them. This is also evident in Central Park and on various paths around town. Why do we continue to reward behaviour that is antithetical to our National Park status?
- Closer to my house. In a less popular area from tourist. In and area with trees to still provide shade for dogs in the summer.
- Quiet area. Other end of town.
- Nothing the dogs can walk anywhere else
- bad
- Convenience

- I dont
- It’s on the other side of town and we don’t have to get across the bridge in summer
- Nothing
- Love that doggies have a place to play
- It is an easily accessible location for those that live on the North side of the river, rather than having to cross the bridge to go to the Rec Grounds park. I also like that it is near Banff Ave, where there are many hotels and provides a place where visitors can bring their dogs. Having a place where people can have their dogs run off-leash, that is contained and safe, may also have an added benefit of limiting human-wildlife interactions, as we know that dogs are often a factor in negative encounters with wildlife.
- We already use that area for our dog
- Enjoy riding my bike through there
- I DO NOT LIKE THE LOCATION AS IT IS TOO CLOSE TO RESIDENTIAL AREAS!
- Nothing
- I like it the way it is. I find it very peaceful in there amongst the big trees.
- Nothing. Should be preserved for CHILDREN to safely play in as intended
- Don’t do it
- Nothing - it’s too heavily treed, no parking available and is not supported by the adjacent residents.
- It's in Banff
- Absolutely nothing
- Nothing
- Closer to downtown. Does not require train track crossing.
- I don’t like it
- It is within the town of Banff
- It's on the other side of the bridge, way easier to access without congesting downtown. Accessible by walking for most of people living in Banff.
- "Nothing. Worst choice in all of Banff. This is already a heavily trafficked walking park, a commuting route, an on leash dog park. Refuge for deer and elk. Frequented by little brown bats (endangered), owls, bears and coyotes.
- Hundreds of people use this space daily. A better choice would be the power line behind the Dorthy. Would provide parking and is rarely used by humans at the moment "
- I don’t like anything about the new dog park location.
- Don't like it. Install small disc golf course instead
- I like that it is an additional choice as to where to take my cat
- Nothing
- Don’t think it is a good area for dogs
- Theres some benifet to having a dog park closer to a more residential area
- Nothing. You would be taking a place for locals away to appease dog owners. It’s a massive waste of money.
- Nothing
- I don't like anything about it
- Nothing, it ruins a residential neighbourhood
- Poor location

- Too close to residential area
- Wrong location, too close to residential area
- within the town
- Nothing
- I do not like anything about the new location
- Nothing. Not a good idea.
- I do not like it
- Proximity to main townsite
- Nothing. It will take away a green space that I have otherwise enjoyed for years
- Right side of the tracks, nice shaded area.
- Large. Already used by dogs, too often off leash, formalises existing reality.
- Convenient to downtown. Reasonable size relative to areas available in Banff. Trees and paths.
- You got to be kidding. This is a crazy idea.
- I like that is shows how unconcerned council is about the quality of life of residents
- Nothing. It will restrict the access to people without dogs
- Nothing. It is a quiet location for residents. Or, if you need to build something there, why not housing since we are in the midst of a housing crisis?
- Near public wellness space
- I don't. Spend the money removing the garbage from the dog park in the indutrial area
- I don't like it
- It's still the opposite side of the bridge than the rec grounds. I like that it's heavily tree'd over there and would love to see them stay
- I do not like it
- Close to another side of banff, No need to drive
- I'm not a fan of the new location
- It's the other end of town from the current dog park so owners on this end of town do not have to drive to socialize their dog
- I would prefer this new location to not be used as an off leash park.

- Located in high density area where there are dogs. Options for owners to have safe place for dogs from all over the town. Close to the new Rotary Park for families to multi task.
- Services a lot of residential area at that end of town
- "Trees, quiet neighborhood, easy access. Absolutely live this location "
- Great for Northside residents. Easy to walk to, no need for driving across CPR lands.
- I like it to remain a forest for families and dog walkers to enjoy. It has a nice openness and is close to a lot of family residences.
- I don't like the proposed Marmot Location.
- Nothing
- I don't like the idea
- I support a second off-leash park but not on Marmot Crescent.
- Bad idea

- Nothing, I thought there was already 2 locations
- It is wooded providing shade for dogs
- Does not require crossing the railroad tracks. Within easy walking distance for those without cars. It is similar to the original dog park that was replaced by the bus operations centre: lots of trees, varied terrain and enough space for them to run around and also be separated from other dogs.
- I do not anything should be in a non residential area.
- I don't like the location. It's a family neighborhood where small kids enjoy outdoor time.
- Nothing
- nothing not necessary.
- "Opposed to the dog park location . Future Housing : Opposed with any new housing in this area as we have the highest density out of all of Banff and showed TOB this previously. Please remove this area from any future plans the TOB has to possibly build and cause more density in people and traffic concerns. Thank you
- Nothing
- I believe the location to not be ideal due to proximity to housing.
- That location should be preserved.
- Nothing really. I don't have a dog and the sound of a barking dog really stresses me out.

Question 3: What concerns do you have about the new dog park location on Marmot Crescent?

- "What I am not comfortable with is that a lot of trees will be cut down again for dogs and dog owner.
    - That area is a great place for deer (maybe not only deer) to rest.
    - Might be a good idea if you want them out.
- It's very much on the heals of residential neighborhoods and dog parks are very noisy. It's on the wildlife corridor. And there is no parking. The industrial location was perfect but more research was clearly required!
- "As a resident of Marmot Cresent increased traffic, especially in playground zones, and the limited parking in our small residential neighbourhood is a huge concern. Especially as it's stated the dog park will help to service the 4million tourists who come through town - those people will most likely not be walking to said dog park.
    - Additionally the proposed area is one of a few places already a commonly used trail for people who walk their dogs on leash

because they choose not to bring their dogs to dog parks. 500+ registered dogs in town doesn't equate to 500 dogs or owners who utilize these parks. Most animal behaviourists, dog trainers and veterinarians recommend against the use of dog parks due to increased risks to the wellbeing of the animal. Finally, this area is an area proposed for future development and I do not support more tax payer dollars of the 9500+ non dog owners and non dog park users going towards the creation of a park that will likely be removed and built over in the next decade. "

- Parking and noise
- Taking away kids play space, bike trails, walking paths. There are endangered animals like woodpeckers, owls, etc. that will be endangered. Loud noises for our kids bedtime, parking around an already busy area. Kids safety with increased traffic. Loss of wildlife. Dog (waste) that we already have to clean up. Housing prices will go down. There are literally zero benefits to most people, and minor improvements for the elite minority.
- I live in Whiskey Jack and we have enough dog around the area. We use the area to walk our dogs on leash. I like our area because it is quiet and peaceful. adding a dog park close to us can bring more people/dogs/vehicles/ noise coming in and out.
- I live in the neighbourhood and have a small dog who does not do well in dog parks, off leash.. He is on a leash for all his walks. There are many dogs living in the Marmot Crescent,Whiskey Creek area - of all temperments. The location being looked at would definitely interfere with many dog owners in the area who, for various reasons, prefer or need to walk their dog on leash. Also concerned with more noise and more people in a residential area. We value our privacy and peaceful neighbourhood.
- Will the fence be tall enough to prevent wildlife?
- Extra Noise and Extra foot traffic. Our bedroom windows and living room windows back onto the area. Less privacy. Safety for the area. A lot of families live in this area year round and like how it is safe and locals only who use the area with their families. Be hesitant to let kids out with out adult supervision if this goes ahead. Effect on the value of my property. Effect it will have on the wildlife - owls coyotes deer and elk use this area.
- None
- Security and safety.
- I do not have any concerns.
- As we live at Mountainview Estates (47m. distance condos) my only temporary concern would be noise of the construction of it and the length in which the construction would take.

- None
- None. It's a great spot.
- The main concern is parking on Marmot Cres. Parking is already a major problem on the street, with cars parking in front of fire hydrants and no parking signs, and it is not enforced by bylaw. In summer months, the street is lined with too may cars, and many are illegally parked. Another concern would be increased traffic on Marmot Cres, particularly with a parking problem you can often not see around the corners. There has also been issues of cars driving too fast on this street. Another concern would be about the existing trail system on the site of the proposed park. It looks from the map, that part of the trail would be eliminated. Another concern, which is a concern with many dog parks is the issue of dog owners not picking up after their dogs. Since this park is proposed in a residential neighbourhood, there will be potential concerns with smell of dog feces in the area.
- None
- None. Get it done
- Parking. My reactive dog will now no longer be able to contently walk through this forest, which we currently do at least twice daily. The many animals (the owl especially!) that habituates this forest. So many downsides, I'm strongly opposed
- None
- I think this will prevent people from enjoying the large trees green space and this parcel would be better suite for community housing than wasting it on a dog park when people can easily go to the industrial area
- The necessity of having it at all.
- Traffic, no parking, no sidewalk in area. Noise, too close to residents. Birds and wildlife use this area. Area will become a mud bowl wiith heavy usage. Who will respond to barking dog complaints. Right of residents to peaceful existing in the their own backyard. When does 500 dogs become more important than people!!
- None
- None
- None
- For the past several decades, I've seen dogs off leash every time I walk through that forest, Elk Woods and the wye. Although the town won't admit it, the town has an off leash dog problem within the forested areas of town and the perimeter areas. The reasons being the lack of education, poor bylaw enforcement and supervision, and a bunch of dog owners who don't care about their place in a national park.
- None.
- Nothing really. My dog loves that place.
- I have many concerns about this dog park location. The top two I would say are disruption of wildlife in this area and the disrespect for everybody who uses this area that doesn't have dogs. Once again, Canadian National Parks mandate is preservation and protection! Nowhere

in the National Parks Act does it state that we need to cater to domesticated dogs!

- "Fencing in a forested area.
- Displacing wildlife from using the area to den
- It's a forest"
- Theirs no concern it's a beautiful location
- Nimby-ism
- Noise and traffic. The dog park will only be 50 meters from my back deck and bedroom window. Which pretty much means I can no longer use my backyard and I will get woken up by barking dogs. And has anyone considered how the dogs that live within 50 meters of the park are going to react. I can tell you right now that they will be barking all day!!! I feel that no consideration has been given for the impact on the residents of Mountain View co-op
- This area is one of the few left in town where you can enjoy being in a forest without travelling very far. I often see children playing and riding their bikes in there. The street is already crowded with parked cars and there are no sidewalks so its already hazardous to walk there and enjoy the scenery. I think this area is also part of a wildlife corridor...we are gradually crowding them out I know there have been coyotes, bears, cougar, elk and deer and probably a lot of the smaller critters. SO this would cretainly drive them out.
- Will some trees be removed? It's cold without any sun.
- Is it safe for the dogs and for the wild animals?
- "Location. Proximity to residential neighbourhoods, the one in Sundance Park is is far enough away from all residential areas for residence to not be affected.
    - Wildlife. Wildlife uses this area to move through out the townsite which they no longer can due to growth of population and tourism, why should they be disturbed for humanity laziness.
    - Families: that area has a lot of young families that you will be robbing their children an urban forest to play in. You are robbing them of the chance to connect to nature without asking their parents for help.
    - Reactive dogs: town of Banff, both having an inclusive environment for everybody in the community yet you are excluding a group of dog owners who use that area to walk the reactive dogs who don't have the liberty to go to the dog park or interact with dogs.
    - Parking: how are you gonna ensure that tourist as well as people who will still drive their car to bring their dog to the dog park won't affect those neighbourhoods and won't park on other people's property in order to get to the dog park. This is one of the few areas in town

that doesn't have residential parking and it already faces a lot parking problems on busy weekends in the summer.

- Wildlife habitat, owls live in those trees as well as coyotes.
- Noise, parking, disruption to wildlife
- Could be used for housing development or just let it be as is?
- None
- There is a high coyote presence in that forest.
- Parking
- I am concerned about parking!! I realize that there is typically only 4-6 cars at a time, but there is no room on the roads for more vehicles, especially in the summer when the hotels are full. If a small lot is created, that might solve the issue.
- traffic
- Proximity to residences and concern for noise attributed to barking dogs. Concern also for increased pet waste both within the proposed dog park and in the adjacent areas which is already a problem.
- Too residential. No parking
- There is already a dog park in town.
- No parking. Increased traffic both local & non local in a quiet residential area. Barking dogs. Increased traffic & overall use driving out the owl that lives in there.
- Parking on a residential street, increased traffic and barking darks in a quiet residential area
- will the some of the trees in the forest area remain or it will be all removed?
- "Is this land suitable for housing?
- If it is, we should not be looking at a dog park in this location.
- I love my dog, I like a dog park, but housing has to be our priority.
- I have no trouble/objection to walking my dog around town on leash, and I know the addition of a second dog park is partially meant to decrease the number of off-leash dogs, but that problem will continue even if you do add a second dog park."
- It is too close to areas where kids play in the forest, people walk through those paths all the time for a nature walk, not to be beside a fence and dogs. People also bike all through there, as it is the only bike path that is easy for kids in the entire area without having to put your bikes in a car. There are plenty of non-residential areas that could be used instead of a forest with children, wild animals and anyone wanting to do a recreational activity. This is a terrible idea. That place is full of cars all summer already, now will be more busy with a the new rotary park, basketball courts, and parking that has been taken away to make the new rotary park.
- There is no parking. In the busy months, overflow parking happens all up and down that section of Marmot Crescent, including the parking lot of the Rundleview Estates Townhomes. The trees in that particular forested area are prone to being blown over on windy

days making this incredibly dangerous. This location is far too close to the surrounding homes. The noise and smells emanating from this and any dog park will prove prohibitive for a long term park plan. There are owls (3) by my count, countless wood peckers, elk, deer, bear, coyotes, cougars and more making their way through that stretch of woods at any given time.

- "No Parking
- Smells
- Noise
- Pollution
- Wildlife negatively impacted (all manner of wildlife are in those woods at any given time, including 3 owls that make that area their home)"
- They might not keep the trees
- It is in the middle of a residential area. It will create terrible noise, and will be stinky from dog excrement. This is a terrible idea, I can't believe the town would even consider this. The other dog park in the rec grounds is far away from a residential area.
- Takes away a small and much needed area of forest that I always see wildlife in. Removes a quiet, less frequented trail that I enjoy to get away from crowds
- "1. Parking. I live on Marmot Crescent , we get a lot of overflow parking from the Keg and all the the staff living in the area. It also is a safety concern, there are no sidewalks on our street.
- 2. This is an undisturbed piece of forest with lots of Wildlife traveling through. Our resident Owls live there too! Please leave it alone!
- 3. An off -leash Dog Park does not belong in a residential area! It has been a beautiful place to walk through, please do not disturb it!"
- "Dog Owner don't
- liked"
- "This patch of woods is a place I have been visiting for 15 years. This small shadded soft moss haven has been the Elk herds favorite place to lay. I see them here by the dozens every year lounging in the shade with their young.
- In the summer the hoots of a ever returning owl can be heard. With cartoon like sounding ""whos"" echoing through the trees, this owl is someone we always look forward to each summer.
- When the mosquitos fly, late night walks here are blessed by droves of bats. Small black dots seem to flash across the sky. Unsure if they are black or brown bats, but they call this patch home.
- To coyotes traversing into the deep woods, deer and elk alike this patch or woods is spoken for.
- Nothing would make me happier than a dog park 20 feet from my door for my pup. But it would be very un-national park to disrupt this small safe haven corridor. "
- Wildlife corridor. Close to homes.
- It's too Oops small.

- It is a wildlife corridor and should not be used for a dog park nor for future housing.
- The forest area is beautiful and kids love biking there in the summer. And lots of dogs gets walked in that forest area already. It's also sorrounded by a lot residential.
- Not having a dedicated small dog (under 25 pound) area
- Parking . Feces -- take a look at the 400 and 500 blocks of Cougar and Marmot Cres. People already don't pick up after their dogs. Noise -- how will the noise of barking dogs be mitigated? The location is right next to housing, this will increase traffic in the area, and we've already seen an increase in trafic in the neighbourhood the past couple of years. Concern for the forested area as it's known for having carnivores pass through and there are owls that live there.
- none
- Limited parking will force more cars into parking in residential areas like whiskey jack and marmot crescent. The noise and disruption caused to residents will also cause issues
- "The forest area is a regular area used by children, to ride their bikes and explore in a natural setting, this area has a open line of sight in the event of an animal I.e coyotes, the circle path is perfect for biking, the dog park will take this away from them. We have a number of neighbors that have dogs that can not let their dogs off lease due to temperament and this area currently allows for a safe place for them to walk their dogs on a long lead and still have control of their dog. Most of these people I have talked to do
    - no use dog parks and don't see a point to another dog park. There is no parking and even though you state it will be a walk up location people will continue to drive. As a resident of Mountain View Estates, the no parking will cause issue as people will just park where ever they wish taking up parking that would other wise be used by the residents. Concerns about the noise level created by large groups of dogs barking at all hours of the day is also a common concern.
- None
- Disruption of current wildlife that move through. Taking away a beautiful wooded space that so many people enjoy for many reasons (ie. walking, biking, walking dogs that cannot go to dog parks). There are very few remote places in our town where dogs who cannot go to dog parks can enjoy. Please don’t take this away from so many who enjoy this space for so many reasons, to give it to a few for one single reason. It seems incredibly unfair. Keep this space wild.
- As an actively used multi-use space year round and one of the last remaining forested spaces in town, I strongly disagree with the proposal to

intentionally turn it into a single use space. This would take away free roaming risk exploring spaces for children to fence up the majority of it for dogs who have 2 other dedicated spaces. This seems much better suited an option for middle springs. Additionally, the noise that would come into a very quiet neighborhood and the additionally traffic - what's being planned to mitigate this?

- Noise, smell, parking, loss of natural habitat
- Removal of a forested refuge for the wildlife. No necessary when the large one at sundance is ample enough for the residents
- Loss of existing green space at this end of town. We already lost the green space in Rotary Park. Inadequate parking without inconveniencing local residents. I would worry about off-leash dogs disrupting the wildlife that uses the area. I frequently see coyotes, elk, deer and the occasional fox.
- would spoil a beautiful peaceful location
- Removing a habitat that supports wildlife. Removing walks where people can relax and feel a sense of peace. It is one of the most peaceful places that remains only known to locals. Locals who are a major contributor to the day to day operations in Banff.
- Seems like it's a natural green space that should be left alone for resident wildlife, and walkers looking for some peace and quiet in the area.
- Can't think of any
- Not good place for a dog park on Marmot Crescent since many wild life live there including many birds, squirrels, foxes and sometimes bears. Also, many people enjoy walking there to have peace. Town is getting busy every year. We need the place for our mentality.
- We don't need to pay for another dog park!
- Significant increase in traffic, noise and congestion in one of the few quiet spaces in town.
- I don't yet have any concerns
- It removes walking access for residents.
- Many on leash dogs walk in that area. Kids play in this location.
- It's in an area used by wildlife. Residents in the area don't want it. It's not needed.
- Noise. Traffic. No parking. In very close proximity to residences on all sides. Will trees be cut down??
- This is currently a multi-use space used to many town residents not just for people walking their dogs. My children, husband and I walk in there every weekend multiple times a weekend. This is close to our home, is part of the reason we bought our home here, and value the ability to connect to nature with our little ones. This area is one of the only areas left where dog owners can walk their dogs while children play and others bike or enjoy. Dog owners I have spoken to have mentioned that their dogs do not go off leash and prefer

to walk them, on leash, in this area. By turning this area into a dog park you are taking it from a multi use space, enjoyed by people AND dogs already, to a single use space. I would also like to better understand how much trees, foliage and animals will be lost in the clearing of this area. This space is rich with life, both plant life and wildlife. Many elk and deer enjoy this space, owl and woodpeckers can often be found, as well as the occasion coyote. So far dogs on leash and people have been able to safely share this space with the wildlife, without displacement. Parking was mentioned as a factor of why this space was chosen, However I disagree. If you visit this area on a weekend or busy period you notice that hotel guests take up side street parking, fill the Rotary park spaces overnight, sometimes even double parking. There really isn't space to spare. There was mention about the concern of a space when the current dog park needs to close for maintenance. This would likely happen during the summer? When people would be out hiking and adventuring with their dogs instead? We are still waiting for the rec grounds park to open. There was no issue in allowing it to remain closed without an alternative for children. But dogs should be more considered? I don't feel this is a good enough reason to take away this space and turn it into a dog park. My other concern is how the industrial compound dog park became unusable in summer pretty quick. Have we done everything possible to ensure this doesn't happen again? That we aren't clearing and taking away a multi use space, only to have the same thing happen again? I stress to you that this space IS used and very much enjoyed by dogs and could continue to be done so exactly as it is.

- Barking dogs, dog (waste), congestion, parking, loss of parkland.
- Looks like there is no parking spots. That is unfair to block the road and try to unload dogs who know they are at the park and energy is high to go play.
- "I don't like the location. I live close by on Marmot Crescent, and I detest the idea of having to listen to barking dogs from dawn to dusk. There has never been a dog park in Banff in a residential neighbourhood for good reason. The majority of Town councillors who support this location don't live anywhere near here.
    - And, as Ted Christensen, the lone dissenter on council, has brought up at a council meeting, parking will be a major problem. The mayor said that most people will be walking their dogs to the park, but as a local resident, I know this is not the case. Many will be driving. As we frequently notice from our house, there is often a very long line of visitors' vehicles parked along this stretch of Marmot Cr. I can only assume that some of the locals who drive here with their dogs during

busy periods, will end up thinking that they are entitled to park in our Rundleview Estates parking lot when they can't find a space nearby on Marmot Cr.
    - The small parking lot on Cougar St. adjacent to the Rotary Park has been mentioned as a possible place to park nearby. That small lot is intended for park users who bring their children to the playground, and is frequently full. And now that the park has had a major upgrade with new facilities for basketball, skating, and picnicking, I fear that parking lot will not be sufficient to accommodate all the park users, both local and visitors.
    - No parking, means housing parking will be used. Children use this area from the neighborhood. Barking with existing dogs too close to houses and fences. Housing needed more than another dog park.
- "No parking. Adjoining streets already full of parking at most times of year.
- I have a senior small breed so having a fenced off area for the little dogs is my main concern. Otherwise I will not be able to use the dog park as it will be too risky & dangerous regarding getting trampled by bigger dogs.
- People that have no dogs that are complaining about the project.
- No “real concerns” other than local negativity. I walk my dog in this area almost every day. That area is only use to walk through… I don’t understand why people are unhappy about the proposal.
- None
- Proximity to residents. Stand outside the Hawk Ave. Dog park sometime and listen to the barking. Imagine that outside your backyard and home!
- "The location is in a residential area. It will cause major disruption with noise and smell to the residents that live near by, especially rundleview estates!
    - There is already a major problem with parking in the area. We haven’t even see the impact of the new park with pickleball and ice rink. This location is absolutely the wrong place for a dog park. "
- "Despite the Parks Canada assessment outcome, this is an area of shared wildlife occupancy. I recognize that living in a national park and having dogs requires on-leash walking. This area offers a quiet multi-use option for locals and visitors. I do not support changing the majority of this location to a single use amenity and pushing wildlife encounters to a bottle-neck on the remaining perimeter trails.
    - As development continues, the numerous density opportunities were featured during a walk-around with planning this summer in this area. There is less

"green space" on the north side of the bridge and to reduce the space available for walking, biking, commuting and an access to a natural amenity by limiting it to use by dogs and dog owners does not make sense when so many residents will not have a yard space to be in. "

- Parking. Noise- barking dogs, fighting dogs, owners yelling at dogs Smell od urine and feces from both the garbage cans and the ground where people don't pick up after their dogs. Wildlife being pushed out into surrounding residential areas. Every time there is a high wind event a tree comes down in that forest. Law suit waiting to happen.
- This location will severely impact the quality of life for the residents in the areas. We already hear dog noise/barking from (the industrial park operation). Adding a park so close to the back yards and houses of the area will not only add noise but terrible smell from pee and poo. I cannot believe the town would consider this area for a dog park.
- No other sites were proposed to the public- this site is already well used as is- prioritizing dog owners who desire to let their dogs run off leash over every other demographic who enjoys this space is misguided and awful for the whole community.
- Everything is a concern! Who is asking for this and why? There are already services for those who can have their dogs off leash- this space is for everyone else.
- It's really difficult to participate in an off leash dog bark in this town when you have small dogs, the majority of mountain dogs are big dogs and their owners happily entitled. My oldest dog has been taken down at the dog park and the dog who attacked, their owner they vanished without a word or apology. There's no great place for small dogs to socialize in this town, and this area currently serves as one of the few places we can meet other locals walking their small animals and have happy encounters if it gets converted to an awful leash dog park, my fear is it will become another place where big dogs rule and we wouldnt feel safe with our pups, I imagine us walking the exterior of the dog park and missing the tranquil evenings and afternoons we used to walk there.
- Blocks path to industrial compound. Much too close to where people live. That space could be better used for other things.
- The noise to the residents surrounding the area! My dog will be stressed whilst in the comfort of his own home. And not being able to walk my dog around the forest as he cannot go to off-leash parks. He will not be able to enjoy his own backyard!!!
- We don't need it, it's a beautiful green space that I walk with my dog and my family, additionally me and my family love biking the trails!!

- Additional traffic in the area
- It's a beautiful land, I think it's ridiculous to put a dog in untouched forest. As well that area has a lot of parked cars when the Caribou is full, it's already too much and my biggest concern would be parking as non residents parking on the side of the road is annoying. It's a very peaceful area and with dogs in the park barking would be very noisy. I feel this another agenda the town is jamming down our throats.
- "The location is in a residential area. As a dog owner and having lived in several towns and cities, I have never seen a dog park that is so close to houses and backyards. I can't imagine the SMELL that will come from this let alone the noise. And where do you think people are supposed to park?
    - I'm honestly shocked the town of Banff would consider ruining the quality of life for the residents in this area by putting a noisy and stinky dog park so close to their homes. You must not have dogs that go to dog parks, or don't live in the area to even consider this location. This decision frankly disgusts me. It's one thing to have impact on the animals as a national park - which in this forest there are owls, woodpeckers, deer, elk, coyotes, the parks assessment is a joke. Currently people walk their dogs in this area on leash and it is peaceful and doesn't cause any issue for the residents around. With this dog park, you're taking away this quiet green space where people walk with their families and kids play! You might as well put a dog park in Pika place, it's that bad of a comparison. Shame on you Town of Banff! "
- Parking for whiskey Jack hopefully will not be affected. Main concern is lighting and having the park lit because the trees make it darker quicker in the evenings
- As a dog owner myself, we agree in Banff National Park to keep our dogs on a leash. We have one off-leash park. That is enough. This would be the 5th (!) off leash park that this council has approved. 2 at the compound (both failed), one at the Rec gounds (foxtail infected), one temporary at the Rec grounds, and now one more. This profligate spending of tax dollars, without accountability, on dog parks is offensive and outrageous. How many hundreds of thousands or indeed, millions have been spent on dog parks to date?
- "I wrote my concerns on a previous form
    - residents in the area will no longer be able to enjoy this area with their children and on-leash dogs (other off leash areas are filled with dog feces)
    - we won't see any more wildlife in this area - one of the joys of

living in a Park is to see the deer, elk, coyotes and bears
    - the traffic will clog up Marmot Crescent ..its already fairly congested and difficult to walk safely because there are no sidewalks"
- no concerns as long the dog owners are respectful
- Who has taken responsibility for construction of the compound dog park done without proper assessment of the soils, leading to hundreds of thousands of tax-payer dollars being flushed down its glass-sharded drain? This proposed park would be the FIFTH dog park that council has approved in roughly as many years. Please - reign in the profligate spending.
- "It is in a residential area. A very busy area with a hotel close by, multiple town homes and no parking.
- This area is already used for biking, walking, running."
- PARKING! This weekend the streets around where dog park would be were full of vehicles from near-by residences and hotels. There is no room for more.
- The barking may disturb residents. Is there parking available for those who drive to the park?
- Parking
- "Same issue as the one on Hawk Ave, potential glass or other stuff dumped years ago.
    - Parking may be an issue, specially on cold days"
- "Location - lots of animals use this area, as do lots of families and residents.
    - Noise - dogs make a noise, lots of dogs make lots of noise, it's too close to residential buildings
    - Safety - there is no sidewalk on marmot crescent and very few safe spaces to park, dog owners will drive and park in this area which will lead to congestion making it unsafe for residents driving in the area along with pedestrians and cyclists.
    - Many people who ride the legacy trail ride though marmot crescent on their way to the next part of the trail. Many children walk and bike in this area. Parents with strollers have to walk in the road, more cars and parked cars will make all of this very unsafe.
    - Location- lots of people use this area to walk leashed dogs, dogs which are not comfortable in a dog park, specifically because it is a quiet area they will no longer be able to walk their dogs here for fear of the dogs reactions and people using the dog park being unsafe with their dogs."
- It's not split by dog size. Large vs small
- To close to residential and (Rotary Park), too much added potential traffic
- This area is very dark, and with the limited availability of off-leash areas, it would be a huge benefit to the community if this dog park were

equipped with lights. This would allow residents to take their dogs out after work during the dark winter months, as well as provide a safe space for people working in the restaurant industry or late-night jobs to exercise their dogs after work. Adding lights would greatly enhance accessibility and improve the quality of life for both dog owners and their pets.

- None.
- None
- None
- I personally don't have any.
- Know aggressive dogs with a history ruining this park like the on over by skate park
- Environmental impacts it may have on Banff land
- None
- "Parking will be a gong show.
- This is habitat to sensitive species including barred owls that have called this patch home forever. I hear them every spring/summer.
- It is heavily used area by locals walking ON leash. Lots of kids play in here.
- It is a wildlife corridor connecting whisky creek through to the Fenlands on the outskirts of town. Many animals travel through, rest, and forage this area.
- Our hawk Ave dog park isn't being used because of glass but I have found glass in this area before too. Probably just as often. I also have found scrap metal, wires, old wood, old rusty tools, nails, cans, etc
- To create a new dog park to cater to a small population isn't the solution. These people want a dog park to take care of their dogs but there are many other ways to fulfill our dogs needs without going to a dog park full of barking untrained dogs and untrained owners.
- Why did I hear nothing about the proposal of the park? Or the environmental impact survey? And now that it is approved I'm seeing non stop posts about it. Seems like this was intentional."
- Parking, fencing, noise the barking
- It is too close to a busy residential area and there is not enough parking. Also the whole area will smell like dog pee and poo, not nice for residents.
- I do not like the location. Could be used to further housing, not a dog park. There is also no infrastructure for parking, paths etc. if the plan is also to take down any trees, I am strongly against that. Summers have become too hot and there are very few places in town now that are covered for some shade. There are also so many animals that seek refuge there in town. I have seen deer, elk, squirrels, foxes, coyotes, bears etc there. It is also a beautiful and quiet place to walk.
- The location is terrible for a dog park. Parking is already difficult in that area and it’s a lovely green space surrounded by residential homes. Don’t ruin it.
- There are Elk and deer that use this area to feed and pass through across the

tracks. by fencing off the dog park area, this will no longer be a safe place for them to come, or to bring their young.

- The wild space it nice and would preferred if its not be re-developed. If it is going to be re-developed I'd rather see a park.
- My concern is that they will add another dog park to the to the town of Banff.
- Why is a town of 10,000 people dedicating more than an acre of land to meet the needs of 500 dogs? Both the cost and the use of land just to meet the needs of the most privileged residents make sense? Dog owners can live outside the park or fence in their own back yards.
- None
- That we could lose a very important land opportunity for more housing. As a dog owner that would like to purchase a property in Banff more housing is more important than an off leash dog park.
- No concerns, great location/area.
- The wildlife corridor is the only place for wildlife to move through with the railroad and houses. I frequently see critters walk through there, and this will limit more corridor space.
- Wildlife
- None.
- This is a place for quiet reflection for residents and visitors alike. I walk through this forest every day I am in town (with my dog). Without it my mental health would certainly suffer. It is the only easily accessible place left within the town boundary where a connection with nature can be made, with hundreds of residences and ten hotels within easy walking distance. In the past 25 years of living here I have seen elk, deer, coyotes, wolves, grizzly bears, black bears, and cougar here. In addition a lot of birds nest in this area including a barred owl pair who are there every year, right in the middle of the proposed fenced area. In addition to the environmental concerns I don't know where parking would be, as the available public parking can get very busy with spillover from the hotels. There are a lot of dog walkers here including me and my family but that doesn't mean this is an appropriate place for a fenced dog park. It is far more suitable as a leashed dog walking area where other users can also experience tranquil forest bathing.
- This is in a highly sense residential area. The introduction of a dog park will add traffic, even more parking concerns, garbage and waste, noise from barking dogs and their owners not to mention the displacement of animals and flora that exist in this area already. This space is a loved and used area by all kinds of creatures and humans. Please don't take away this piece of nature. There are many other concerns of residents in Banff that deserve this 100,000. I feel that the majority of dog owners that would use an off leash dog park live in the other area of town, closer to the existing year round park. This space is

not an ideal location for another dog park. Residents of this area is the dog park to walk their reactive dogs on leash and very much appreciate this space for this reason as is.

- Parking, wildlife, noise, smell, trees coming down,
- I personally have no concerns at all.
- Parking. While walking would be much more feasible at this location for most residents. There are times when it is just too cold for a dogs paw to walk to the dog park and still spend time at the dog park. Would not want to place strain on the surrounding neighborhood. A small parking space similar to the industrial park with angled parking may take up less space along marmot Crescent. There is a significant higher traffic time just before/ after work hours where there could be congestion.
- Parking could be an issue if heavily used. There is a small potential for dogs disturbing residence in close proximity. However I believe it would be very minor. The close proximity to the train noise would likely be far more of an issue.
- The forest and its path are multi-use. I have used it from when I was a small child playing with friends to a young adult going on jogs. Secondly, the parking along marmot crescent has been impacted by the nearby hotels not offering free parking, the influx of vehicles parked along marmot crescent has made the first (southside) bend unsafe for vehicles and pedestrians.
- My only concern is those who do not want it will get what they want . Our pets need to run, play and socialize like us humans.The park will be used most of the time during the day yes dog bark when they play , they are noisy, same for us when we party and have fun.
- "This location would not foster a sense of community. Instead, it would primarily serve as an amenity for hotel guests, prioritizing the visitor experience at the expense of residents' quality of life. Additionally, Banff has very few remaining inner green spaces, and transforming this area into a dog park would disrupt its natural state. This change poses a risk to existing wildlife and diminishes a vital natural noise buffer provided by the forest against train track sounds.
- None, just do the fire protection cutting first,
- None - Seems logical to utilize existing space already wildlife friendly as residents are already using this area for this purpose - seems we should old be meeting both wildlife friendly and residents need for second park
- Very close to residential houses & will attract non residents to the area.
- If this land is also being considered for housing, I would rather it be used for future housing development to support the housing crisis.
- This little forest we have is great for nature walks with our young children, biking and having fun in there. We use this space so much summer and winter.

The trees block the wind for the kids to enjoy.

- It’s in a place that could be used to tackle the housing crisis by building more housing.
- Potential for that land to be used for housing instead.
- We need more affordable housing
- none
- None
- Taking away from a Quiet Residential Neighbourhood.
- None.
- Loosing the 'loop' trail.
- Unlike the Industrial Area and Rec Grounds Dog Parks, I doubt this dog park will experience a high volume of vehicle visitation. This neighborhood sees more foot traffic from dog owners walking their pets, so parking is unlikely to be a concern.
- We are losing so many old trees in this town. Banff is starting to feel like a bustling concrete jungle. This location isn't well known to tourists, its absolutely perfect for us valued locals to be able to peacefully spend time in nature without accidentally photobombing others. There are lots of lovely places around town to spend time in nature, but in the middle of summer, good luck finding a quiet place in those spots to sit and meditate. Some of the trees there are so big I can't even wrap my arms around them, they're that old. I would be heart broken for these trees if their members of their family are chopped down and the remaining trees (left there to make the dog park look nice) are being peed on daily. Trees are intelligent and they communicate with eachother. Just because they can't move around and talk like us doesn't mean they're not alive and have families. I would like to know how long that lot of trees has been there untouched by construction equipment. I just don't think its a good idea to tear apart this beautiful little oasis, rip up the mycelium, destroy the diversity just to plant some plain grass. I visit this location with the trees daily, and most days I see atleast a couple deer, elk, coyote sometimes a fox and lots of birds. There is no way that turning it all into a big feild of grass won't disrupt the ecosystem
- Potential housing location
- The concerns I have are that disapproving adjacent residents voices won't be heard over all that dog barking! (Yes, that's sarcasm) It's an inappropriate use for a natural forest adjacent to a fairly densely populated area. There is also no parking, the roadway is not designed for this amenity nor should residents be subjected to noise pollution.
- None.
- The proposed Marmot off-leash dog park is in an area frequented by wildlife including elk, deer, coyote, and bears. To fence off part of that habitat is irresponsible. The proposed dog park is also next to high density housing. That

means all those residents will be treated to barking dogs and yelling owners. There is inadequate parking for dog owners, which means they will park on residential streets, or at the Rotary park and have to walk down the street to the dog park. The dog parks in Canmore are situated far from residential areas and have adequate parking and effective poop dumping facilities. The proposed Marmot dog park area is also dark and chilly and not a great place to hang out with your dog and its buddies. It is more suited to remain as it is for wildlife and for dog owners with their dogs on leash.

- Lack of parking, disturbing wildlife
- None
- Greenspace eliminated
- If it's so close to the train tracks, what kind of protocols are going to be in place if another CP garbage dump is found like Hawk St. That park has been pulling glass and debris up for years and it's a safety concern, as well as a drain on resources. Would this park development be stopped if debris was found?
- Parking congestion, noise
- Where’s the parking gonna be at lmao
- There is a lot of wildlife in that area that it will disrupt, it’s a waste of money that can go to better things, we already have a great dog park at the rec grounds, it’s just unnecessary
- "I’m signing this petition as we already have 2 dog parks not the peoples problem the town decided to build a dog park on an old dump and not do it properly. Moncton NB build baseball fields on an old dump but they took the proper steps to make it successful. TOB threw down some dirt put up a fence and called it a day ?? So do they really care about pets ?? Also you can walk your dog in this forested area that I see people doing while I am playing hide and seek, biking , forest walks , counting squirrels, playing trolls under the bridge to name a few with my children. This is my area of town and we play a lot in there it is a great area for all now you want not include anyone except dog owners… Not very inclusive of a town feature that is being voting on . "
- Proximity to residential dwellings. This location would take away a valued area from locals, without a benefit to the masses.
- This is too near houses and will disturb residents although I am not personally affected. That is not right and as a dog owner who walks through this area on a daily basis wild life are frequently in this area and makes this area special. I also think the area in general could do without the extra traffic as we also walk these streets with our dog daily plus the fact that removing more trees for parking and destroying another area is out of order now the town allowed the rotary park to be ruined.
- Money could be spent elsewhere
- "Wildlife corridor. Hope to keep it as one of few quiet trails close to town. "
- Parking, effecting wild animals
- Entitled citizen trying to stop the development

- We don’t need to close off this area for a dog park
- Its already used wonderfully by the community as a recreation area, please don't disrupt what has always been a fun place for kids and quiet enjoyment
- Parking (lack of), private/quiet oasis for dogs and people being taken away, noise, interfering with nature and wildlife
- "That woodlot is currently used by a wide variety of the population, for a wide variety of purposes. Once it is fenced off, that usage will disappear. It is not right that land currently enjoyed by many for a variety of uses would become usable only by dog owners.
    - There is no need for another off leash area. When people have dogs in a NP, they know they have to be on leash. They are allowed to walk them anywhere on leash. They also have an off leash park. There is no need to ruin a community woodlot for people that knew when they got their dog that they needed to be on leash, but now don't like the rule."
- Loss of possible land for new housing.
- "1-Would prevent All residents to enjoy the wooded area while catering to only a handful offull of tax payer.
    - 2- National park was created to protect wildlife and the natural environment- not dogs.
- You are disturbing yet another wild life corridor. You are causing increased visitation by not only residents with dogs but visiting dogs into the heart of a residential neighborhood.
- Disturbing the already loved bike and walking paths.
- Parking, noise , mess littering and not picking up their dog (waste)
- We don’t need a dog park there, it is a nice space just on the edge of town to go and explore and doesn’t need ruining with a dog park
- None
- Wildlife, quality of life for residents with dogs who can’t go to a dog park and for children
- "I have 3 young children 2 of whom are currently walking marmot crescent every school day to catch the school bus. There are no sidewalks, and thankfully only limited local traffic who know the children and expect to see them walking in the mornings. Placing a dog park there will no doubt increase traffic in an area with out a sidewalk or extra parking space, making walking to the the school bus not an option for my own and other young children to walk to the school bus.
    - This particular forest area are is also a unique wetland that is unparalleled in its current quiet and beauty. Enjoyed by children, families and much of the local wildlife. Both this beauty and usage would be lost if a dog park was placed here. "
- Wildlife loosing their space

- I was a dog owner and chose not to use dog parks as owners don't pick up the poop and I did not want my dog being hurt by other dogs. I think this is a waste of town money perhaps bring dirt in to existing park to cover glass instead of taking away more land from wildlife.
- Don't need another
- Fix the dog parks we already have. This is taking away more space that people enjoy using the way it is
- Minimal open space with all of the trees. Also being so close to the train tracks could get some dogs barking when train goes by causing lots of noise.
- None
- We live in a national park, and I don't think dogs belong here. I also prefer the natural area that currently is there, to a dog park.
- The loss of a great spot to quietly enjoy nature, this is a great spot to bike along the fun trails with little ones, seeing birds and walking my dog on leash.
- I would love a "small" dog only section like a lot of other cities have. I don't think the park needs to be huge if the town wants to add trails for people to walk in the forest.
- The cost is way too much at $100,000. One of the comments on Overheard in Banff says only 40-50 dog owners use this park. Not a good use of limited funds.
- Parking and barking, people who take their dogs to a dog park do not walk them to the dog park they drive them there.
- It removes an area of nature for the public and wildlife and makes it another poop infested dog corral
- Zero
- proximity to residents who will be stuck with parking issues, barking, the stench of uncollected dog poo. Concern that this is an area prone to visits by cougars and bears.

- None
- No concerns and I live on Marmot Crescent in a house that is probably closest to the dog park, there are many dogs in my neighborhood which would benefit from this.
- The area is congested enough already.
- Where will people park? This is a quiet neighbourhood, let's keep it that way
- None
- Can't we please just have a small section of forest left be? There are and have been really pleasant pathways to walk through.
- Loss of wildlife thoroughfare. I don't think people's pets are a priority given how many other issues our town is facing.
- This is used for children playing in the woods, people walking with their dogs, on leash and people walking. It is a beautiful place that doesn't need an off leash dog park.
- Impacting an existing Wildlife corridor, limiting forest space that several people

without dogs enjoy, we don’t need another dog park. (I am a dog owner)
- None!
- None..
- Not needed or wanted! Destroying a lovely wooded area in a dense residential area. Town yet again ignoring land use and animal services bylaws.
- Parking!
- Another off-leash park is not needed and certainly not in a neighbourhood.
- "Nothing as long as the proper site visit is done to ensure the ground is safe.
    - Please don't add large rocks inside the space. Many dogs at the recgrounds location when running slide into them in the winter mostly and it's hazardous and could really injure them."
- None
- Stealing our Forrest
- we don't need another
- Mine
- Taking away natural space for families and residents. There is already a dog park in Banff
- Developing land and space for domestic animals doesn’t seem right when there’s a housing crisis and other development areas where this dog park can be located such as near the hospital or maybe the train station parking lot
- Needs some parking spots to safely unload excited dogs, not just on the side of the road
- its in the middle of a residential area. Not much of a need for it
- Bears
- None. It makes sense.
- None
- It is a nice, quiet and undeveloped forested area within walking distance of many homes. We don't have many of those on that side of town. The trail there are perfectly fine for walking your dog on a leash as many dog owners such as myself already do.
- WILDLIFE, PARKING, QUALITY OF LIVE FOR RESIDENTS IN THE AREA, USERS IN THE AREA, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN WHO PLAY IN THE FOREST. THIS IS OUR ONLY URBAN FOREST IN THIS AREA.
- It will disturb the wildlife, note enough parking there, It will also disturb the residents. We live in a national park wildlife should have priority if you want a lot of places to run a dog off leash don't live in Banff.
- It will ruin a beautiful spot.
- Ruining a neighborhood park forncjildren
- Not needed
- See above. Why not flip the park lands at the compound around and use the lands where the sewer dump is or is this contaminated as well? Since Parks turned over contaminated lands upon incorporation, Parks should be on the hook for the clean up and remediation.
- None
- The last lil bit of urban forest, walking trails I bike there, animals etc… why do we need another dog park? I have a dog btw

- Deforesting a beautiful wooded trail that the local community uses and dog owners walk their dogs on.
- Nothing
- "Located too close to residential neighborhoods, and it will cause unsafe congestion on a narrow road that has no sidewalks.
    - Also, it will negatively impact wildlife that frequent that green space."
- None
- It looks too big to be accepted from the people living around. There are walking/bike trails that goes throught that locals would like to keep. I'm sure there is room for a small dog park without destroying the existing pahtways.
- noise, cost, parking
- "It's already a walking park, it's already used by folks with reactive dogs. It's a commute route for many in this area. It's a safe haven for animals. It's just not the right choice. Choose somewhere that isn't already in use.
- It's in a wildlife corridor. "
- Everything about the location is a concern.
- We are well serviced with dog Parks
- None. Hope we can share in peace with non pet owners
- "I don't support people park space being dedicated to dog owners and dogs.
    - All dogs in Banff should be registered and their DNA code obtained. Then any poop found on public streets can be traced to the registered owner. I've heard that some condo associations do this. "
- The wildlife corridor and the high density residential area
- It is a green space and too close to residential . No parking and no area to create parking.
- Too close to residences in several directions.
- That this parcel of land couldn't be better allocated for housing that we are in incredibly great need of. We are NOT in truly urgent need of another off leash dog park when we have one in Banff and others close by in Canmore.
- Disturbing wildlife. There are barred owls that nest in the area.
- It's a place a lot of community members use and love. Fencing it off would stop this use by many.
- Dogs barking, increased traffic and the destruction of a lovely wooded area that a friend and I regularly walk her on-leash dog through. It's a place for wildlife, walkers and cyclists. NOT OFF LEASH DOGS.
- "Nothing to block noise or people from cutting through residential neighborhoods- landscaping? Fences?. No plan for parking (rotary park is regularly full).
    - If there's 500 dogs and 2 parks, then this park is for 250 dogs. If 50%(which is unlikely) use this park, then we are spending $100,000 and ruin residential

neighborhoods for 125 dogs?? That's seems excessive? "

- Too close to residential area
- Too close to residential areas
- none
- So near residential. No parking.
- Noise in a quiet neighborhood,
- Dog baking in a quiet neighborhood who alrady have to deal with train noises
- It is too close to resident housing. Taking away an areas which is used by residents and children.
- Bad location too close to residential housing.
- This area resides in a residental zone. There are a lot of people who already happily walk their dogs here. I feel that is violates the standard of living for residents to allow a off-leash dog park, which will also be used by tourists. The dog parks that we currently have are sufficient for the number of dogs that we have residing in town.
- None
- Not easy to access, no parking, noise, wildlife disturbance and/or extirpation. The town incorporation agreement states maintaining ease of movement for wildlife as a goal. This dog park will simply "pile-on" another impediment to wildlife.
- Parking and accessibility
- None
- Parking.
- Noise smell parking — loss of public parkland
- Lower property values
- Closing up an area not only for wildlife, but also for residents that enjoy the space without dogs.
- It is a forested area within town boundaries that residents on that end of town use for walks, exploring, etc. Where will they venture to on that end of town? I have enjoyed much quiet time there when I lived on Marmot- I spotted coyotes, elk and both a grizz and a black bear (on the same day!) Please keep this area undeveloped. Please.
- As I mentioned above, removing the few remaining recreational green spaces for residents takes away potential housing parcels.
- Back area used for residents tp walk and meditaten
- No parking. It is in a residential area
- This is a valuable area to many families who take their children to play and learn about nature. There is no parking in an already congested area.
- I think this land should be left alone and we should utilize already developed land, not ruin a quiet green space and spend money on this
- Is it safe for dogs and wild animals?
- "There's no parking in that area. I thought this area was slated for more housing.
    - Building in the compound where it already exists dig the area up and put a new soil. It would be cheaper or get another space in

the compound somewhere and move it again.
    - Maybe Roam could pay for it since they took the original one "
- It’s normally a peaceful walking area, now where can we go? Thanks
- My only concern is that other people have concerns and I think it’s a brilliant idea
- I feel that we have enough off leash parks in Banff with one full year one and a winter Seasonal. I feel this is more than appropriate for the animal population of Banff
- No parking
- No parking
- how tree covered it is, would any trees be removed
- None
- Removing one of the last wild playgrounds for kids within town from their use.
- Wildlife corridor. An important Green Space. Proximity to residential area - dog parks are places where dogs bark, play and poop. They can be noisy and very smelly when ground thaws in Spring. Not good for the neighborhood by any stretch of my imagination.
- We don't need another dog park. Housing is more important!
- None
- It’s a large green space used for many animals and also blocks out the noise from the tracks so not put it here when you have so many other locations. Why don’t you go to the giant open field in the industrial compound instead.
- It's a beautiful treed quiet area and certainly not for a dog park. I'm a dog owner and support off-leash parks but not at this location.
- Leave the frost along. It is an local secret spot for peace and quick walk in wood that is easy for older people or young kids.
- People and animals, not just pets, love and enjoy the area. Spending the time and money on a fence is total bull. If you're going to spend the money, give us affordable housing, yes I know it probably costs more. We live in a park, dogs can have stimulating, healthy exercise without being in a forested fenced area, it's called a long leash and actual recall from your trained dog. Please don't waist the towns time and money on a fence. Especially an area that isn't worth being fenced for a couple pets. (And yes I have pets)
- None
- "Will there be on-site parking?
    - Given how much opposition there's been to this, I'm worried about people vandalizing the fence, gates and even the water bowls.
    - Availability of fresh water, lack of seating, lack of a clear run area for people to throw a ball, presence of an ephemeral stream."
- My concern is that we are taking what is currently a multi-use area and

converting it into a single use area catering to one set of users.

- Parking. Unnecessary spending. Loss of green space.
- Wildlife, not having an urban forest for the north side of Banff, no longer a multi-use forest, noise and smell and parking issue.
- Less space for kids to play
- Last green space in Banff. Parking.
- no parking as it is as Marmot Crescent and Cougar Street oarking is taken up by Caribou Properties. No one tickets visitors for parking even when they park in no parking signed areas Dog parks are for people with untrained dogs to go. 50% don't know what is good dogs behavior and 75% of users don't pick up after their digs Leave it for our wildlife ir people to enjoy a walk through a forest in town with no fences. Don't even consider it until you make Marmot Crescent resident permit parking only as well as the first part of Fox Street. You spent thousands on a new playground which people can't access as Caribou Lidge Parks there.
- "1) Parking: Marmot Crst is not wide enough to facilitate parking for a dog park or the over flow from hotels and citizens. There is a constant line up of parked vehicles from Thur-Sunday from the hotels where you want to have the dog park entrance. I am concerned of the snow plowing and vehicle access when the snow banks get larger in the winter.
- Another concern is the traffic and danger it will bring to the neighborhood for children playing. This is already an issue with people speeding around Marmot crst.
- Another issue is outa towners parking in Marmot crst and Pia Pl personal parking stalls> This happens quite a bit on big event days and in the summer.
- I was told by a Town representative at the DROP IN SESSION that the parking would be put over by the Rotary park for the dog park ? I can not imagine somebody parking over on cougar and walking there dog to the dog park before the canine has gone to the toilet. I was also told that you would be putting up no parking signs on Marmot crst. Where do you expect the over flow of hotel guests, residence visitors to park when you do this ? correct in the Rotary Park parking....
- We already have issues as we are the highest density zoned area in Banff.
- "My top concern is the loss of this incredibly special area. This is a precious forest used by ALL residence!! (not just dog owners) We go there to get a taste of nature on a busy day when a trip out of town isn't possible, take a deep breath and listen to the forest, for a mental health break, a meditation - either still or walking, to walk our dogs on leash calmly and peacefully away from others. You are destroying an area used by and beneficial to EVERYONE to appease a very few dogs. I have yet to

meet a dog owner who wants this park to be developed.
    - Noise and disturbances to local neighbourhood.
    - Not enough parking - it has been stated that visitors will be directed to Rotary Park parking lot. This parking lot is usually already full with park goers, hotel guests and local residents. How will you ensure our complex parking lot doesn't fill with dog park visitors?
    - It's unnecessary. One off leash park for a town of our size is enough. The Sundance park is so rarely overcrowded. The few vehicles that cross the bridge for the dog park are not the problem with traffic, and diverting them will make no noticeable difference, its just a lame excuse used by the town. "
- Soft ground. Nearby water ways. Close by housing. No parking planned.
- Not many natural spots like that left. Why does the TOB administration focus on destroying all that remains untouched
- It seems like the proposed location already gets pretty busy with hotel overflow parking and it's not too distinct where some boundaries are. And it's bad for the people who already enjoy the park.
- "-children and other pedestrians safety with no sidewalk available and more parking on road
    - -no more mixed use (young families teaching children about nature safely, etc).
    - -noise before 8 am bylaw
    - -no parking available - Caribou already using adjacent Rotary parking on a constant basis and Caribou's chronic use of the road as overflow having insufficient parking themselves
    - -wildlife resident woodpeckers and Barred owl pair hunt EVERY night in summer
    - -last urban forest and last bit of the former Whisky Creek after it having been rerouted - the whole of Marmot development was previously a fenland and should never have been landfilled in the first place - this last vestige should be respected
    - -smell - irresponsible dog owners presently do not in present park and did not in previous park I'M A DOG OWNER - I KNOW THIS FOR A FACT
    - -there has been a considerable increase in violent and aggressive dogs not being checked by their owners in the present generation and this is a place where responsible dog owners can walk their dogs on leash"

Question 4 - Do you have any suggestions to make this dog park successful?

- "Regardless of location, there is no need for more dog parks in Banff National Park.
    - Despite the increase in dog owners, I have never once seen a current dog park filled with dogs and their owners."
- Not in this location. You say it's also for tourists to use but there is no parking in this location and it's residential area.
- Find a less residential area.
- Don't build it
- Move it away from residential areas. There are literally hundreds of similar areas that aren't inside of neighborhoods that have tons of children in them.
- Nothing, maybe they should fix the dog park in the industrial area to use it all year round or find a different location that is not close to residential.
- The only way I could see this working is if there could still be walking trails outside of the dog park for many of us who can't use an off leash dog park.
- Problems in dog parks usually steam from dogs becoming competitive about toys. Has any thought been given to maybe considering implementing a toy-free dog park?
- No. I dislike the idea.
- Enough parking, benches for humans to sit on, garbage bins, pathways, access to fresh water.
- I live on Marmot Crescent and everyone I have spoken to wants the dog park. But there is one lady--- that came door to door and bothered people about it last time it was proposed. She would not stop and we actually started hiding in the house if we saw her and not answering the door. Even if you didn't agree, she didn't care, she wouldn't leave and would keep going on about how bad the dog park would be. I wont go to the public meeting because she will probably be there and wont listen to anyone else. Please don't let one or two people claim that they speak for everyone in the area. We want the dog park and so do our neighbors in the Marmot Crescent area. This lady does not speak for everyone. Please also note that we live on the edge of the forested area that the park will go and we see people currently using it as an off leash dog park anyway. But without the proper fencing, it is way more dangerous and off leash dogs have chased people and wild life out of the wooded area on numerous occasions. Since people will continue to use it as an off leash dog park area anyway - this is a

better option to keep dogs, other people walking/biking through and wildlife safe.

- I would love to see as much of the natural scenery such as trees preserved as much as possible as it is in the industrial area dog park. I would also love to see more agility type structures added into the design (boardwalks, small hills, etc.)
- So training obstacles / small dog hours
- Good fencing all the way around.
- It would be nice to see the trail system circle the outskirts of the dog park so that the trails can still be used by walkers who do not want to use the dog park. Including some who have dogs who do not like to use the dog park and still walk on this trail.
- Easy access, lit for winter, poop bins and bags.
- Move it elsewhere. My kids love to play and bike through this forest in the summer, and this will disappear. It's heartbreaking on so many levels
- I have a small dog and there are actually many small dogs in Banff and we mostly all avoid the other dog parks because the big dogs play too rough. We need a small dog park.
- Smaller area to allow for other people without dogs to enjoy the area
- Don't build it.
- Lights for winter evenings
- Move it somewhere where it will not have a major effect on Banff resident quality of life.
- Keep a lot of the trees! I understand a path or access points may need to be established but I think keeping a lot of the trees will be great. My dogs love running around in the trees / bushes at the industrial location.
- Keep the trees for my dogs mental health please
- It would be nice to have a small dog area separate from the main dog park to keep smaller dogs safe in an off leash environment
- Have poop bag dispensers available.
- no
- "I have a great suggestion to make this dog park successful:
- DO NOT DO THIS!!!
    - --- please listen and abort this idea!"
- Not doing it. Make a fenced in one at rotary park if anything
- Yes treating like home show love and respect to all dogs park user
- Very limited hours of use. I repeat this is beyond unfair to the residents of what was once one of banffs quietest and nicest neighborhoods
- Enforce that dog owners pick up their dogs excrement.
- "No. Find a more appropriate location in the industrial area where it will affect less residents or fix the one we have.
    - That area is used by wildlife, by reactive dogs who don't have the option to go to the dog park and families and children. It's devastating that you're taking

away an urban forest where children play close to their homes to replace it with a dog park for convenience. "

- This shouldn't be a dog park.
- A separate section for smaller dogs less than 20lbs.
- I would hate to see that area be cleared and bare like the other dog park. Please keep it forested and wild. We don't need another cleared out piece of "lawn", we need a natural area for dogs to be dogs.
- Keep a trail available outside the park for those who still want to walk their dog through the forest on a leash.
- let people use the forested area the way it is
- Have more than one entrance to allow users to access the park from more than one location to minimize potential disruptions to existing area neighbourhoods and more closely align with existing access to the current trail network.
- How about a reservable space for dogs who want exercise and play off leash on their own (reactive or fearful dogs) as many accommodations in Banff are condos with no outdoor space. It would need to be slightly away from the off leash dog park and have a barrier so the fearful/reactive dog can not see the other dogs. I had a reactive rescue and was very limited in where I could take her and would have really appreciated a safe place for her to run and play.
- Is there anither place in the compound ?
- Yes. Not having a dog park. I would prefer to have a natural forest for everyone to explore rather than creating a exclusive space for only a small part of the population.
- Move it out of town to the old horse race track location where there's less impact to the residents and ample space for parking
- Choose a different location
- suggesting a closed off small area exclusively just for small dogs under 30 lbs so the little dogs can enjoy it too
- Move it away from kids, wild animals and recreational activities. This area looks right into the back yards and windows of many houses.
- Move the dog park that presently exists on hawk road in the compound closer to compound road. This will eliminate the glass and metal concern there. It already exists, and would prove to be minimal in cost by comparison to creating a brand new dog park in a residential area with no parking.
- It cannot be, and will not be successful in that area. The town will get sued when the trees come down on unsuspecting dog owners and their dogs during high wind events.
- Keep the trees for the dogs to run through. Have a smaller section for smaller dogs apart from the main area.
- Stop it from happening and move it to an area not close to houses and where children play!!
- None. It does not belong here.

- Moved away from resident aeria
- "Take on the cost of excavating the old site. Look for volunteers.
    - Don't build it where the wildlife wanders."
- Why not fix the two dog parks the town already has. Both have issues and get closed very often.
- Yes make it bigger!! Why don't we use the airport which is already fenced big wide open and unused!! We could notify any user of flight coming or going with no interruption for aviation
- Clean up the compound dog park and leave this wildlife corridor alone.
- I don’t right now
- Start talking to hotel owners -- at the very least, they could consider or the Town could consider dog bag dispensers in the neighbourhood.
- Move it to another location
- Find a new location, If your looking for a large forested area, maybe just off the side of the industrial road, or behind co-op grass as it would not effect residential areas with the extra traffic and noise and still be in walking distance for residents. Of just leave the one at the rec grounds as it had parking.
- Put this dog park somewhere else, less residential, less enjoyed by people daily for many activities.
- Don’t open it
- Place it somewhere else
- Yes, do not go ahead with it.
- Move this proposed dog park to an area that isn’t taking pleasure away from a beautiful natural landscape.
- "I think one off leash dog park is enough for Banff. People can simply walk their dog on a leash.
- We are dog owners. We appreciate the Sundace dog park, take our dog there a couple times a month, but other than that we walk him around our neighbourhood."
- I am against to make a dog park on Marmot Crescent. We need a bigger dog park other locations.
- Don’t build it.
- Don't build it for tourists. There is insufficient need from residents to merit another dog park in town.
- I do like the addition of the water station/access at the Sundance park one.
- "Choose a different location with better parking options
- Don't build it.
- Don't put a dog park in that space.
- Do not place it here. Prove that you've done everything possible to ensure there won't be animals displaced and that the same thing won't happen as it did in the hawk Ave dog park! Surely another less used space could be found. Perhaps behind the Dorothy motel, where more parking would be availed and is currently not used at all?
- Needs some parking stalls.
- "I strongly recommend cleaning up the already fenced dog park on Hawk Ave. I

find it hard to believe that it will be more efficient and less costly to create this new dog park on Marmot Cr than to clean up the Hawk Ave site. There is plenty of free parking there.
    - Plus I feel that if this Hawk Ave site was left in such an abominable condition by CP, why shouldn't CP be at least partially or completely responsible for the clean-up? Why were they allowed to dispose of their garbage in this way in Banff National Park? I'm under the impression that this garbage site is on National Park property, not CP right-of-way."
- Do the work needed on the old off leash area in the compound. May be a lot but future housing would be better.
- Use space for housing and do work necessary at the older off leash area. Or use old trailer drop off and parking area adjacent to railroad crossing.
- A clearly stated fenced off area for smaller breeds.
- Build it :) people will go !
- no
- Running water if possible is always a huge asset.
- Different location away from homes!
- I do not support this dog park - it ca t be successful I this tea. This location will decrease the quality of living for the residents in this area.
- Reduce the size by half at least and allow for the majority of the space to remain natural and multi-use. If people really need to let their dog off leash, then it can be a small utility space… closest to the trains and furthest from homes.
- Do not turn this beautiful forest surrounded by residences into a dog park.
- Do not build it in this location!!
- DONT PUT IT IN THIS HOLY SLICE OF FOREST. It is SUCH a bad idea. NO ONE IS ASKING FOR THIS STOP WASTING MONEY.
- Don’t do it. Find a different spot maybe along electrical lines by the entrance of town
- Account for a small dog area
- Have it fully paid for and maintained by pet licenses, put it outside the national park.
- Put it elsewhere, not in a residential area.
- No-it should not happen.
- Lighting so it can be used beyond dusk to dawn - essentially when working a big day its important to allow our dog to run
- Please don’t put the dog park in. I think one dog park is sufficient
- This will not be successful. Find another place that doesn’t ruin the quality of life for the people who OWN HOMES IN THE AREA
- "Lighting, Second entrance for users in case balls roll out of park, Multiple bin locations for poo bags
- There is no need for a 2nd dog park. What we should be looking at is other

far more important community needs than a 2nd off-leash park. This is an offensive waste of funds. Dog owners like me, are perfectly capable of getting our dogs across the mutiple bridges for some off leash time. Please stop wasting money on things we do not need.

- "put it in another location, fine people who do not pick up after their dogs"
- Survey crafters: What kind of leading question is this?
- It should not be even considered as an appropriate area for off leash dogs. Elk and deer are always in this area and the surround streets.
- Maybe put it at the back of the allotment closer to the tracks. The area can be accessed from either end and would be used but maybe not to the degree that would cause traffic issues on top of what's already there. There seems to be a blind spot in our town with traffic. Seems our council does not want to see that tourists, who are encouraged to come to town, drive. So making sure there is new parking before a park goes in is critical. Walking along the pathways in this area there is a lot of noise from the existing dog park in the compound. You can hear the dogs barking all the way to the new potential dog park. I cannot imagine how bad it will get with a dog park that close to residences. it's easy to say "keep your dogs from barking" not easy to make happen. How about at The Fenland Arena area. That has parking, is not close to any residences and will make that a more useable area for more people. Please can drive or walk. It would be a much better location for a dog park.
- .Could there be hours that the park is open? Perhaps 7:30 am to 10 pm so people living close do not have their sleep disturbed.
- Have a small fenced off section for small or reactive dogs
- Use fence that has smaller openings so tennis balls cannot get out like at the other parks due to wildlife fencing used
- Don't build it beside marmot crescent. If you must then a sidewalk should be added to all of marmot crescent for safety of residents
- Potentially have a split section for large dog vs small dogs. Maybe add some lights along the path
- Better location, not as disruptive to residents and that can accommodate additional traffic
- Add lighting to Dog Park for increased accessibility
- Make sure poop bags are always available.
- Water stations for doggos
- None
- Having a QR code to help report aggressive dogs. Garbage bins and a poo bag station
- Providing lots of space for dogs to run around :)
- Don't do it!
- No

- Put it somewhere else
- Pick a different location.. like further behind the Dorothy.
- Put it somewhere else. Or better yet fix the hawk ave park. Our dog loved it there and the rec grounds dog park is great too. Fix the old mess at hawk ave before taking away a beautiful forested area surrounding homes.
- Leave the area as it is to be enjoyed by locals, dogs and wildlife in a respectful way to everyone
- Nope
- Eliminate all off-leash dog parks.
- Cancel the project and re-direct the land and funds.
- Lighting of some sort so it isn't to dark
- Consider appropriate drainage so it can usable year round. Have waste bins and dog poo bags at the roadside parking as well as gate.
- To make this dog park successful would be to make sure to inforce not having large dogs who could injure or hurt small dogs at park. Making it an enjoyable outing for small dogs and their owners. Could make 2 separate fenced in dog areas one for small and another for large dogs.
- Don't have one
- Do it!
- "This place should not be used as a dog park. I suggest three other options.
    - Around Fenlands where there is a lot of parking available and less wildlife concerns if it would be constructed near the centre itself.
    - In the block east of The Canoe hotel where the land is not suitable for development and other users aren't as prevalent.
    - Spend the money and make the present park in the industrial area usable.
    - For the Marmot forest I propose a different use: the Banff Community Mental Health Forest. Add a couple of benches in the forest, a sign at the entrance by the bridge, and make it more known to both the community and visitors and you will make it a little bit easier for all of us to get through the day. "
- "Tap with running water. Entrance with easy accessibility for people in wheelchairs "
- Place it somewhere else! I don't feel as though enough research has been done on the viability of the land, the displacement of wildlife, the disruption to the residents whose homes lines this proposed area nor do we know how many dog owners in this area actually want such a thing.
- This dog park will not be successful no matter what. It's just not possible bor feasible to have a successful dog park full of barking/fighting dogs, owners yelling at their dogs, is ers not picking up after their dogs, and all of these noises and smells ripping through the neighborhood.

- A source of water. This is life saving for a dog. While having the trees help to provide shade, dog parks are high energy environments with lots of chasing and playtime. They drink more water during these times to prevent overheating. Bring enough water to feed your dog is simply impossible to carry in a backpack. If there is a water source to tap into, this would make walking there possible. i go through a minimum of 4L in 1h with all the dogs sharing because because who can say no to another thirsty dog. This sharing is not optimal according to my vet because it spreads illness among the dogs. A fresh water source is preferred for health and safety. Especially the higher traffic of out of province and international dogs in our town.
- "A car parking area, would be helpful as to not have vehicles parking at nearby properties. Water outlet for dog drinking water. "
- Like I mentioned have water The tonw can used those big tank of water the same as the o e you used to spray the flowers on Banff avenue. This is the one thing is missing in your dog park WATER.
- "Rather than investing in a new dog park, I suggest using the funds to improve and maintain the two existing dog parks in Banff. These facilities are already sufficient, and enhancing them would be a better allocation of resources.
- .It may be helpful to first start with the tree thinning ,by the fire protection crew. This will give the directly affected in this neighbourhood some time to adjust to the new ambiance of thinning.
- If it is possible to have a water source in the summer would be a bonus
- Move to a different location behind the Dorthy hotel or across the road from canoe hotel
- Don t do it we have 2 already leave the land alone putting up fences now wildlife have even less in the row.
- What other locations could be found? Or option to have it as a temporary one, prove need and usage with understanding that it may in X years be developed into housing.
- Include a leash-up/off portion for those entering/leaving the park
- Lots of trees!
- Maintain it and ensure it is open year round. Adequate garbage cans.
- "Have a back gate as well.
    - Gates should swing into dog park.
    - Keep trees!
    - Post hours and regular park rules.
    - Have poop bags, water and garbage bin.
    - Toy free.
    - No parking signage and consider hotel guest usage.
- waste stations with bags and trash bins; lighting for evening visits, and create a circular walking path around the park to encourage circulation and exercise.
- "Moving it to another location please.

    - Leave the majority of the trees.
    - There's one pair of trees in particular that I sit with daily. I can send a picture or would love to go out and chat with the construction/planner people to save this tree. This tree is extremely important to me."
- Don't waste tax payers money! Keep natural areas natural.
- "I think it needs a couple parking stalls, or signed street parking to dissuade people from driving there, but also stop people from parking all over Marmot. (Better signage there)
    - Hopefully there will be trees left after Firesmarting - the treed park is SO much better!
    - I think it should have a closing time if it doesn't already (I didn't see it) and as a user, I am fine if it's earlier, with the reasoning being it's a residential area. I think 9 would be good, and it can be self enforced. Lots of people are at teh Rec grounds one late at night, which is fine because they aren't driving in and out, clanging gates, or otherwise bugging any neighbours over there."
- Build it elsewhere. Somewhere with trees, shrubs, open areas, and not next to people's homes. Many people in Banff work at night. They need quiet during the day so they can sleep. Barking dogs and yelling owners are not restful on an on-going basis.
- Rehabilitate Hank ave
- Keep existing parks open
- Put it elsewhere!!
- Do put it there dummy
- Move it out of town, out of an area that wildlife enjoy
- Fix the one in the compound that you have already made
- If money was considered for a new dog park, could those funds to used to improve the two existing dog parks?
- don't build it
- Nope
- I don't believe we need another dog park.
- Don't build it
- Leave as many trees as possible
- No. Please don't do it
- No. Keep it as is
- Often toys and balls in the dog park can cause issues and I'm not speaking about the dogs mostly. I have seen many arguments start over one dog taking another's ball etc. Mentioning on the rules that ball use is maybe not disallowed but cautioned.
- Do not create this dog park.
- Listen to residents. This is a bad location for a dog park. Stop it now. This is one more example of design that you ignore residents.
- Please do not proceed.
- Don't build it
- No dog park here
- Add a water line to fill bowls
- New location. Eg. maybe behind the inns of Banff where there was meant to

be a development as the space is already cleared
- IF it must be this location. Put a pause until the above safety issue regarding sidewalks to the school bus is implemented as well as a plan for parking. School bus location would likely need to be changed.
- Improve the ones at the compound
- Don’t make it
- Put it somewhere else.
- Entrances on both sides of the park so that those of us who live on the Fox st side do not have to go all the way around to Marmot side to enter.
- This should not happen.
- As mentioned above, a small dog section would be good.
- Move it or forget it.
- Just use the current dog park and get the users of the dog park to volunteer to clean it up. Why do the taxpayers have to pay for this? They could also fundraise to clean it up as well.
- Don't build it
- Clover ground so not too muddy
- Don’t build a second dog park until you can find a different location.
- Access to water for the pups
- I think as long as parking is clear, and the park doesn’t block full through traffic through the forested area it would be a positive thing.
- Maybe find another location than there
- Some small agility features for so many of the super active dogs in the area.
- Fix the original dog park.
- Upgrade the existing dog park in the rec grounds to make larger/ fix the broken glass problem in the compound dog park
- None!
- Shade and a water outlet
- This is not a good idea.
- Add parking for those who may have disabilities, elderly and also just to have during too cold, too hot and also tourists, many hotels near.
- This survey is a disgracefully biased series of questions. Everything is framed in a manner to only receive the feedback you want rather than to solicit genuine feedback. All efforts to gather feedback from residents should, at a minimum, be neutral. This question coerces positive responses.
- Educated the town of banff resident more to allow this dog park To go through. Maybe think there will be three but people do not understand the compound one is going to close. Also that this space still then allows a forest and green space but if it's left the way it is in a few years could be proposed house housing or parking then you would have no green space at all.
- Don’t build it
- don't build it
- Move it elsewhere
- Few parking stalls
- don’t do it
- Free treats for doggies
- There is an opportunity for public education with this new dog park; while

I expect that local residents won't want tourists there it's not something we can ignore; there's an opportunity to have interp signage to help education locals & visitors about why it's so important to keep dogs on leash in a national park. By providing a space where dogs can go off leash, in a safe way, we can also educate people about the fact that it is the law for dogs to remains on-leash everywhere except the dog park. Dog parks keep our pets and wildlife safe!

- Make it larger. The one at the rec ground is so small ends up with lots of dog fights.
- NOT HAVE IT HERE. LOCATE IT BY THE POWERLINES. COLABERATE WITH PARKS CANADA FOR A BETTER LOCATION.
- Don't have one
- None. It shouldn't be allowed to happen.
- Don’t do it
- No
- Don’t put it here - get back in Parks’ face and fight for the remediation to be covered by Parks. It’s not like they didn’t know these lands weren’t contaminated.
- "Make it bigger.
- Install parking spacea"
- Don’t do it
- Fix the dog park in the industrial area. If this area has to be deforested for forest fire protection. Wouldn’t community housing be a better option?
- Multiple entrances/exits to give the area a more natural feel. Dog parks often feel like they are exclusive to dog owners. Multiple entrances and exits make it feel like it’s also a public area.
- Locate it elsewhere
- Have a separate small dog area
- Make sure there is garbage removal schedule often. Poop bags should be available. Lot of signage to keep it clean and safe for users and also locals. If noise is a concern for the locals (not like there are rail tracks 100m away), maybe think about noise reduction barriers.
- this will be the 5th one the taxpayers will be paying for we can not afford this waste of money
- Don’t put there. There are hundreds of better places in town. Or use the funds to excavate and fill the previous dog park that the town spent so much money on just to close down.
- Do not put the dog park in this location.
- Do not install
- Add some type of parking for 8-10 vehicles that is obvious so no residents in the area are impacted
- No
- Wouldn’t even try to suggest how to make the area successful as I feel totally wrong area
- Examine whether there is enough of a demand and sense of importance for this to truly outweigh the demand for housing.
- Don’t build it.
- Don’t do it

- Don't put it there
- Put it in a non-residential area.
- Move it away from residential areas
- Move it away from residential property
- This dog park should not be successful.
- Again not a good idea. This proposed dog park should not be successful.
- No. Do not put the dog park here. If necessary, abandon the idea of creating a new dog park in town.
- Make it large.
- Don't put it here!
- A section dedicated to small dogs could be great
- Put it elsewhere
- Close it before it opens
- I think one dog park is enough. Keep this space as it is, so that all can enjoy it, including people with their dog on a leash.
- If the park doesn't take away places that people enjoy, that would be a good start.
- Npne
- I believe dome residents have a better place in mind
- Not put it in that location.
- Please keep the trees! The rec grounds dog park is great for running/playing ball/chasing/etc but our dog loves scent work and playing hide and seek in the trees.
- Use the park we already have, I do not support this use of tax payer dollars
- "Put it somewhere that has parking, put it behind Finland‘s where they wanna put the gondola station for Norquay
    - There’s lots of parking in that area and the rec center is right there with access to bathrooms and water
- Small dog area would be nice
- I would prefer this project to not move ahead in its implementation.
- Need a parking lot for 12 vehicles
- No
- removing some trees
- Make sure it's accessible year round, have 2 entrance so other people can walk through possibly to get to the industrial compound?
- Accessible from two sides.
- Don’t build a fence. No dog park needed.
- Choose another location.
- Don't do it
- "Learn from the mistakes of the last two.
- Make sure there is no harmful materials, harmful weeds and ensure there is proper drainage so that it doesn’t turn into a swamp"
- No it’s a terrible idea
- No.
- Move it somewhere else
- Make it into housing, the area is zoned for it. If you're going to spend money, F-ing do it for the whole/majority of the community.
- Increased poop bag dispensers in the area and garbage bins for people to pick up dog poop
- "Negative dog-to-dog interactions often occur near the entrance when people

gather there to chat. To prevent this might it be possible to:
    - include two separate gates near each other - one for entering and the other for exiting
    - design the space so that people and dogs are drawn away from the gates - benches in other locations, water access away from the entrance, running lane away from the entrance, etc."
- Put it somewhere else.
- Only have one dog park in Banff as we only have one hospital, one elementary, one high school, one post office, one senior, one hockey arena, and one townhall.....why two dog parks.
- Banff has an off leash dog park at the rec grounds. It's a great dog park. Banff only needs one. Perhaps take the money from the 2nd dog park and use it to improve the existing dog park. Expand it, maintain the ground a little better.
- No
- Don't want it. We don't need it in aresidential area and I am an owner of 2 dogs.
- "I suggest you get quotes to clean up the 2nd existing dog park used for the winter months.
- Also why do we need a third dog park ?
- Calgary has a population of 1,688,000 and 160 dog parks. If you do the math this accounts for a population of 10,550 people per one dog park. Banff has a population of 10,897 (2024) why we would need another dog park with these stats does not make sense. We are right on target and with the second dog park bring the numbers to half ?????
- If this dog park is not built and if the Marmot forest remains untouched, that is the success!
- Find a different location.
- DO not build it.
- Just don't build it here.
- no